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1. PETER KLEIN CALLED MISSION THIS AFTERNOON TO INFORM
US OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS HE JUST HAD WITH MEMBER
STATE OFFICIALS ABOUT PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS ON OECD AIR-
CRAFT STANDSTILL.

2. KLEIN TOLD US THAT AS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED PROPOSED
MEETINGS HAD SEEMED TO BE VERY LIMITED IN SCOPE, WITH
ONLY ONE OR TWO US OFFICIALS VISITING CAPITALS TO LEARN
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ABOUT MEMBER STATE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER,
SCOPE SEEMED NOW TO HAVE BECOME ENLARGED WITH ABOUT
FIVE US OFFICIALS COMING TO DISCUSSIONS WHICH INCLUDE
INFORMAL EXPLORATION OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENT. IN THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES, KLEIN TOLD US HE AND MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS
AGREED THAT DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH
COMMISSION PRESENT.

3. IN LIEU OF SEPARATE BILATERALS, THEREFORE, MEMBER STATES AND COMMISSION ARE NOW PROPOSING, ACCORDING TO KLEIN, A JOINT EXPLORATORY MEETING OF OFFICIALS OF MEMBER STATES CONCERNED PLUS KLEIN AS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE. THEY NOW SUGGEST THAT IT BE HELD JUNE 1 RATHER THAN WEEK OF 22ND TO ALLOW MORE ADEQUATE PREPARATION ON THEIR SIDE. LOCATION FOR SUCH A MEETING WOULD NORMALLY BE BRUSSELS, BUT COMMUNITY WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET IN ONE OF THE THREE MEMBER STATE CAPITALS IF USG PREFERRED.

4. KLEIN, WHO WAS RELAXED AND FRIENDLY AS USUAL, SAID THERE WERE OF COURSE NO HARD FEELINGS FROM MISUNDERSTANDING. MISSION WOULD HOPE TO RECEIVE PROMPT AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT EC PROPOSAL FOR JOINT MEETING. HINTON

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